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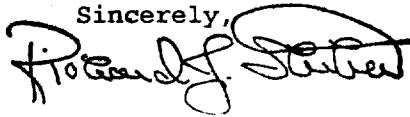
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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituents' concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Shiben", written over a horizontal line.

Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division

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COMMITTEE ON BANKING, FINANCE

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February 12, 1993.

The Honorable Paul E. Gillmor
U.S. House of Representatives
1008 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Representative Gillmor:

I am president of a company and am approaching retirement. For approximately 18 years I have enjoyed radio control model aircraft flying, and I have thoughts of many leisure hours when I am retired of flying my radio control aircraft.

I fly in a local club in the State of Ohio that has approximately 25 members. Since I am a native Georgian, I visit that part of the world quite often and fly at a state park.

I own seven radio control models, ranging in weight from 7 lbs. to 28 lbs. My investment in these models varies from about \$300.00 up to approximately \$1,000.00 for the largest two.

I am very concerned about the proposed F.C.C. changes that would endanger the radio frequencies designated for model aircraft. The proposed frequency change would make my hobby unsafe for a spectator sport due to probable radio interference. That would be my primary concern. My secondary concern would be my investment in my models that would be subject to immediate destruction should some more powerful commercial radio frequency ever occur and interfere with the

The Honorable Paul Gillmore
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

February 2, 1993

Danny Peper
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Dear Mr. Gillmore:

I am an active model aviation club member in Napoleon, Ohio. I have been involved in model airplane building and flying for many years and have derived much enjoyment from the hobby. I am a member of Academy of Model Aeronautics and the International Miniature Aircraft Association. Both associations have guided and developed the model industry to new levels of participation and safety in the hobby.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model aircraft use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 to 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. Additionally, the new frequencies will be only .0025 MHz separated from our frequencies and their authorized radio signal output will be some 50 times stronger than our 100 milliwatt transmitters. Their signal "splash" from seven miles away from our flying site could be stronger than the transmitter controlling the aircraft in flight.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the

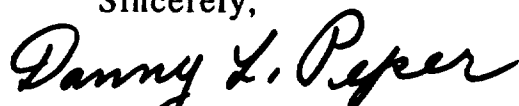
protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and controlled use of the radio control frequencies at the flying site. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes may have wing spans over 10 feet and may weigh up to 55 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but of more concern, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to loose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate and hundreds more may be spectators. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment. Also, the FCC just reorganized our frequencies only two years ago causing many of our radio units to become obsolete. Now we are being shuffled again which, may again cause radio units to become obsolete. It appears that the FCC lacks a long-term plan of operations which is constantly causing industry confusion and costly user changes and upgrades.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are not as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people world wide, like myself, and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Additionally, there are many multi-million dollar a year businesses worldwide connected to the model radio controlled equipment industry. All of which are dependant on our ability to practice our hobby. The businesses in turn contribute to the tax revenue bases of county, state and federal governments and provide jobs for Americans.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposed changes to the 72-76 MHz band as proposed by FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny L. Peper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danny Peper
Constituent